



NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SCOPING SESSION GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

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**November 12, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Torrance City Hall
City Council Chambers
3031 Torrance Blvd, Torrance, CA**

The community is invited to an Environmental Impact Report Scoping Session for the General Plan update on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 in the City Council Chambers located at 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required to assess the potential environmental impacts of the update to the Torrance General Plan, which proposes minimal changes. The last update was done in 1992 although the Housing Element was last updated and certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in 2001. The City of Torrance proposes updating all seven (7) mandated elements to the Plan.

The consulting firm of The Planning Center, 1580 Metro Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, is under contract to prepare the EIR. An EIR is an informational document which is prepared to allow decision-makers to understand the environmental consequences of a project prior to their decision on the project itself. The EIR will address the following issues: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology & soils, hazards & hazardous materials, hydrology & water quality, land use & planning, mineral resources, noise, population & housing, public services & utilities, recreation, transportation/circulation and utilities & service systems, and mandatory findings of significance. Additional topics may be analyzed as a result of the comments provided at the scoping meeting.

Under State Environmental Regulations, citizens have the right to identify concerns to be considered in the environmental study. The scoping meeting will be held to provide information about the proposed project and to identify public concerns. The City will notify you of the completion of the draft EIR and the public hearings on the report.

Notice of Availability: The Initial Study will be available for a 30-day public review period beginning on **Wednesday, November 12, 2008 through Thursday, December 11, 2008**, per Public Resources Code §21080.4 and CEQA Guidelines §15082. Comments on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) must be received by December 11, 2008.

For more information:

Contact the Community Development Department,

- General Plan staff at (310) 618-5990
- Visit the City's website at: www.torrnet.com/8691.htm
- E-mail comments to: CDDGeneralPlan@torrnet.com